15 October 1973

Cel. Robert M. Gottuso
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Washington, D. C. 20333

Dear Col. Gottuso:

Based on preliminary discussion between analysts of this Office and officers of ETAC, we believe that your organization may be able to belp with a geographic research project we have under consideration. We wish to determine whether it is possible to predict, with any certainty, the continuation of current drought conditions -- especially in Africa and the Middle East -- over the next year or two. Our first concern would be to ascertain the feasibility and cost of such a study.

If you feel ETAC can be of assistance to us, I would appreciate

your designation of an appropriate officer for

our project officer, to contact.

351-2886 or code 143-2886.

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Sincerely,

John Kerry King
Director
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